Personal Items and Restrictions

221.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to members and contract staff related to restricted items within the correctional facility.

221.2 POLICY

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau will establish and maintain directives limiting the items brought into the secure confines of the facilities by members and contract staff that could be a distraction from the scope of members' assigned duties and responsibilities, and could pose a threat to members, other inmates, the community, or facility if inmates gained possession of them.

221.3 RESTRICTED ITEMS

The following items are not authorized in the secure perimeter of the facilities, areas where inmates have access:

1. Large purses, backpacks, gym bags, or other large storage items.

    (a) Members will be allowed to carry a standard size food storage container for the purpose of transporting their personal meals.

    No glass, porcelain, or metal cutlery will be allowed in the secure perimeter of the jail.

    Metal mugs or drinking receptacles are acceptable (i.e., Employee of the Month mugs).

2. Cell phones, pagers, and other personal electronic devices will not be taken into the secure areas of the facilities (any area in which inmates are allowed).Exceptions to this will be made only by the Chief Deputy of Corrections, or designee.These items may be stored in the member's locker room or the provided contract employee lockers and may be used during designated breaks or in case of an emergency.

    (a) This policy and procedure also applies to the use of interactive phone applications such as games, internet, sending text messages, etc.

    (b) When using these devices in the unsecured areas of the facility, members will do so in a quiet and respectful manner, and never within an area that is accessible to inmates by sight or sound.

3. There will be no pictures or video filming permitted within the facility without prior approval from Administration or the On Duty Supervisor (ODS).

4. Members will be responsible for policing themselves for the introduction of these items.

5. Members will understand that they and/or their personal belongings are subject to search at any time.

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